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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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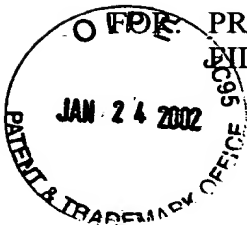
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PROTECTIVE THIN FILM FOR FPDs, METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAID THIN FILM AND FPDs USING SAID THIN FILM

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2001, the period for response having been extended to January 24, 2002, by a Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, Applicants elect, with traverse, Groups I and II, Claims 1, (3-6)/1, and 18/1 and Claims 2, (3-6)/2, and 18/2 for further prosecution.

REMARKS

The Office has restricted this application as follows under 35 U.S.C. §121:

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| Group I: | Claims 1, (3-6)/1, and 18/1, drawn to a protecting film comprising a substrate, an oxide film body, and a fluoride layer; |
| Group II: | Claims 2, (3-6)/2, and 18/2, drawn to a protecting film comprising a substrate, an oxide film body, and a fluoride-coated powder layer; |

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